

public before the two hearings which are scheduled for the 13th and the 15th. We are moving towards getting that stuff reproduced, I guess, today and tomorrow so that everybody will have a look at it and will have something to comment on, at least draft positions.

That concludes my report.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Local Government.

DELEGATE TALMADGE MOORE: Talmadge Moore from Ward 5, Vice Chair for Local Government. Mrs. Nihikian, the Chairperson is not here today. She is out of town.

We completed our tentative draft for our hearings to be held on the 13th and the 15th. We received excellent cooperation of individual committee members. We had an all-day session last Tuesday and a half a day session Thursday. I don't know whether Dr. Austin is in the audience or not, but we would like to -- Dr. Austin, we would like to commend Mrs. Lenvier Greenan (Phonetic) for her excellent cooperation in helping us to complete our task. She has really been wonderful.

We look forward to your support during the hearings and they will be conducted on Tuesday, the 13th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The hearings will be held in Room 115 of the District Building, 14th and

E Streets, N.W. We have received confirmation on the personnel who is going to participate in the hearing. They are roughly on the 13th Congressman Walter Fauntroy, who will start it out. These have been confirmed. Mayor Jackson, the Mayor of Glen Arden, Maryland; Charles Aberton (Phonetic), Secretary of Fine Arts; John Parson, Associated Realty Director; some personnel from NCPC; and someone from the House District Office Building.

In the afternoon, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., we have someone from the Brookings Institute and we have the Mayor of Laurel and also we have a Mr. Herbert Halimer (Phonetic)

On Thursday, April the 15th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. we have Mayor Albert, the Mayor of Takoma Park, someone from the University of Maryland concerned with local government issues and I may add they have indicated that they will give us some technical assistance to anything pertaining to local government.

In addition we have Attorney Clinton Chapman who is a Republican who is going to give us a briefing.

On the Tuesday morning session matters will be relating to matters of intergovernmental relations. The afternoon session related to matters on local government structures and on Thursday matters relating to transition and

local government issues. In addition to that, we have sent previously a press release. It has been approved and it went to the press representative here. I don't want to take the time to read it, but we have a press release which has been confirmed as to who, what, when, where and how.

In addition to that, we do have the proposals and we have the names of -- let me finish this please. We have the names of each one of the delegates. I will call the names and please pass them back and the ones who are absent, I will place them in your mail boxes. This is the proposal that we will use and also the public will be able to pick up copies.

This is the proposed language -- this is definitive language of the articles. The draft has been completed. As I said before, we had an excellent session.

(Passing out documents.)

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Rules and Calendar, Mr. Robinson.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Because of the religious holiday and the closing of this building at 5:00 p.m., the regularly scheduled meeting of the Rules Committee on Friday afternoon was cancelled. However, we will present to this body on Saturday of next week the finalized version of the Rules Committee's proposals for plenary sessions.

Thank you very much.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Style and Drafting, Ms. Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: Can I pass until the end? I want to hear when the others are having their meetings so I could schedule mine at an appropriate time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yours is the last.

DELEGATE CORN: I didn't hear economic development.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, they did. Everybody has reported except your committee.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Compact Commission, Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Several weeks ago we gave you a proposal -- well, we gave you a report from our committee, the ad hoc committee on the Statehood Commission and the Statehood Compact Commission. That proposal was referred to the Executive Committee and at the same time it was requested that those delegates who wanted to have some input into the proposal should contact our committee.

Today we are presenting for your acceptance a final report that has -- takes into consideration some of the comments and concerns that were expressed. There are four areas that had been changed and I would like to call those to your -- four



areas have been changed from the previous proposal that you received, but I passed out a copy to everyone today. So you have the most recent one before you.

Section 4 has been added; it wasn't in here before and it's a process to fund for selection of the chairpersons of the Statehood Commission and the Statehood Compact Commission. Section 6 has been changed -- I mean has been added to make it very clear that any funds that are expended by the two commissions -- specifically, you know, the Statehood Commission, will be consistent with the policies of this convention. Therefore they will be approved by this convention.

Section 7 requires that the Statehood Commission produce a newsletter twice a month and the purpose here is in -- this is in addition to the requirements of the statehood and the intent here is to ensure that there will be some regular ongoing publications to the public to let them know about the status of statehood and why they should be supporting it and what have you.

And finally Section 8 deals with the selection process for members of the Statehood Compact Commission. Those areas were changed. I mean those areas represent a change from what you have had before.

From item 9 to the end everything else has remained

the same. I understand there is one ward that has already met and has selected the people to serve in the other two positions. I don't know if every other ward has done that, but if this is accepted today, then we are requesting that the committees by next -- I mean the ward conferences by next Saturday bring back in the names of the other two delegates -- I mean other two members that would be from their wards and that on April the 24th we would have an installation ceremony here in the Statehood Constitution Hall to have those members of the Statehood Commission sworn in.

That's the end of my report, Mr. Chairman.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I would like to move the adoption of the report so we can have a discussion on it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, we haven't been moving them. We just receive the reports and have a discussion.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Is it appropriate, Mr. Chairman, to bring something under new business?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

DELEGATE CORN: I would like to ask a few questions first. The eight people you have down here from the different wards, have you already asked them if they were willing to serve and have they consented to it?

DELEGATE JORDAN: First of all, the proposal is before

you; it has not been adopted. So there is no way for us to go to these eight people and ask if they want to serve or not serve because we haven't accepted the proposal yet.

DELEGATE CORN: It seems to me that even if we adopt this report in total today, we are giving each report only seven days to get together and this is a heavy week coming up to pick up the other two people to confirm that they are willing to serve, which might mean that we have to meet two or three times until we get two people who are willing to serve. It also means that, for instance, I live in Ward 3. I might not have any people from Ward 3 that I would like to recommend but there is somebody from Ward 6 that I would strongly recommend, how would I go about doing it according to this report?

DELEGATE JORDAN: The act and the initiative both require that members to the Statehood Commission be apportioned by each ward. That is there are 24 delegates; three are to come from each existing ward. So there is no way you can trade off a position from Ward 3 and give it to Ward 6.

DELEGATE CORN: I could only make a suggestion to Ward 6?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Sure. You can suggest anything you want. We can't stop you from doing that.

DELEGATE CORN: I have one other question. On here you talk about at large delegates who will participate in the ward in which they reside.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes.

DELEGATE CORN: So they would become part of that. For instance, if there are five at large delegates and let's just say, since I don't know which ward they are from -- let's say they were from Wards 1,2,3,4 and 5, that would already take care of one of the people out of the two more choices each ward has, is that correct?

DELEGATE JORDAN: No. What we are saying is that the at large delegates will participate in the selection process. They are not automatically appointed to the Statehood Commission or to --

DELEGATE CORN: I see. So, in other words, it's somebody -- if an at large delegate were elected and he was from Ward 1 that he would be caucusing with the other ward people to pick out the two people for the Compact Commission?

DELEGATE JORDAN: That's right. Any at large delegates from Ward 1 would participate in the Ward 1 caucus and if their name were to be brought forth by Ward 1, they would be appointed.

Brian Moore.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Delegate Jordan, what problems would follow if we were strongly in discussion or decision on this committee and its function until after the 29th of May?

DELEGATE JORDAN: Let me just do one thing. You know, speakers come to our committee to talk to us about the importance of this. In fact, if you remember initially we tried to get this considered on the 3rd so that we would have the subsequent week -- so that the following week we would have the commission members sworn in. It is very important -- I can't stress how important it is for us to have this commission in place.

And the reason for it is that we need a broad-based group in this city of supporters for statehood as possible. And selling statehood to the residents of this city can't be done until we have completed our work. We have to make the members of this commission feel that they have some kind of stake, they have something to do with the process that we are involved in in terms of drafting a constitution.

You know, it's going to be very difficult for us to go to people after we have developed a constitution and say this is what we have done and we want you to accept it. But I think if we bring people now in on the process of helping to develop this constitution, I think it will be much

easier on whatever date it's voted for to have citizens in the city deal with it.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: I'm not sure we have the time to do that. You might want to reconsider postponing the small effort until after they got sworn in.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Okay. Delegate Mason, Delegate Long and Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Hilda Mason at large. One reason why it is very important to have this place as soon as possible is because there are certain parts in the constitution dealing with federal interest and dealing with the continuation of certain compacts. This will have to be negotiated and that will have to be done by dealing with federal people before we could make the constitution. There are certain sections in the constitution that we are going to have to deal with and it is important to get this in place as soon as possible.

I do hope though that the wards will be given more than a week to select people.

Thank you very much.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: It was for that very reason I was ready to propose the motion. I don't see any reason why a committee report can be given and you cannot make a motion to adopt a committee's report.



THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Blount, this is a report which is to be received. There is an opportunity to take action under the business portion.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I'm saying that's a difference of opinion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I'm simply indicating it to you until we get our reports out and then there is new business, unfinished and that's the time to take care of business. We can't have a debate now. We're supposed to be clarifying issues and that's a question.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Delegate Street and Delegate Maguire.

DELEGATE STREET: Mr. Jordan, I would like to know if the committee has proposed any mechanism for item (c). What mechanism, if any, will be set up to take care of that?

DELEGATE JORDAN: We didn't want to formalize it. We wanted the ward caucuses to come together as they saw fit, at what time they saw fit. The only requirement that we are asking the ward caucuses be subject to is that they vote for those who are going to be selected.

DELEGATE STREET: My problem is when you say ward caucuses, are you speaking of a non-partisan arrangement?

DELEGATE JORDAN: No. We are talking about delegates

to this convention. Delegates to the convention now in Ward 4 though it would include the at large delegates from Ward 4; you have two.

DELEGATE STREET: It will be the responsibilities of the delegates from each ward to set up the mechanism for doing what is required under item (c)?

DELEGATE JORDAN: That's correct.

Delegate Maguire.

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: I just want to reiterate the importance that we do this quickly and the same people that are talking while this report on are going to be the people opening debates saying they weren't taken into -- if you listen to what the committee has to say -- we put a lot of work. We hurried, pushed ourselves meeting early in the morning before this session to get this here. It has been put off for three weeks now. We have to do it. We're complaining we don't have enough support system; we are trying to do it. We have to do it; we have to get it done today. We don't have a choice; we just have to push ourselves.

And I don't see any real reason why wards can't get themselves together in one week to have a meeting to come up with some names and make some phone calls. You can't tell me you haven't been thinking about this before. We have to do

it. We don't have a choice.

And I want to remind everybody that it is in this convention's rules that this commission is set up.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Delegate Paramore.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: I have one question. If we are going to have three persons from each ward and you say on page one there will be only two out of four, but that would mean that each caucus, ward caucus would only have to select two people.

DELEGATE JORDAN: That's correct. Now let me just preface that by saying this: If it is indicated that a person who is on under Section (b) does not want to serve, then we would try to select someone who would be in the same category. And this is the way we chose these various breakdowns for the wards in terms of who was going to represent us. We tried to choose categories as opposed to individual names.

So I'm saying if someone in a ward declined to serve, then we would try to find somebody who was in that similar category. If you couldn't, then you would fill the three names.

Thank you very much.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I would like to have the record reflect commendation for the work that has been done by this

committee. I think it's outstanding and out of respect I would like the record to so state. I so move.

(Applause.)

DELEGATE THOMAS: I'm reporting on the Ad Hoc Committee on Public Information and Media. All of the members of the committee attended this meeting with an indication of concern of the membership for the job at hand and their willingness to make sacrifices to get it done. Officers and directors are: Norman Nixon, Vice Chairman, and Brian Moore, Secretary.

In a thorough discussion of committee responsibilities it was determined that a much higher level of organizations was called for so that the media and the public will be properly informed about committee meetings and would have a chance to meet members and understand the real nature of the convention process.

It is important that materials such as these releases and fact sheets be prepared in advance and that notices of meetings be correct when they are sent out. You know, I saw some that weren't correct, and issued in a timely fashion. In this regard the Information Officer should be present at committee meetings to provide the media with an opportunity to meet committee members and to learn what kind of individuals they are.

Sometimes that should impress press people with the responsible way that the convention's effort is proceeding. It is suggested that we hold a reception for the media and the delegates at some point. The committee is considering several ways of getting information to the public, such as working with high school students, various kinds of publications such as newsletters and pamphlets, posters, bulletin boards and public service radio advertising.

In all of these efforts it was agreed that the essential ingredients is effective organization and getting information to the target persons or organizations in a useful and timely manner.

Mr. Chairman, that completes my report.

DELEGATE CORN: When is the next meeting?

DELEGATE THOMAS: The next meeting is Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

DELEGATE CORN: Are you aware, sir, that the Executive Branch meeting is going to be until 5:00 p.m. on that same day?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Excuse me. I would just like to say we are going to have some break. The Executive Committee can't work a solid nine hours. So we could probably make a break to accommodate Mr. Thomas' committee.

DELEGATE CORN: So it's Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.?

DELEGATE THOMAS: That's right.

DELEGATE CORN: Until when?

DELEGATE THOMAS: Until we get finished. I can't tell you now definitely the time.

DELEGATE CORN: Would you say two to three hours is reasonable?

DELEGATE THOMAS: Whatever it takes to get it done.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chair, I would just like to say the same thing that Barbara Simmons said in the previous report for this one. I think this is an outstanding report from the ad hoc committee on public information and I would like to commend the committee's chair for a fine job that they have done.

DELEGATE STREET: I notice under your tasks you list convention photography. I would be very much interested in a photograph of the delegates and I hope you work together with me so that photograph can be a part of the official history.

DELEGATE THOMAS: We discussed that in the committee and I don't think we will have a problem with it.

DELEGATE STREET: Just a second question: Is this a budget item of your committee?



DELEGATE THOMAS: I think it might be a small budget item; I don't know.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I would want to correct it on the report, my name is Barbara Lett Simmons. There are four Barbara Simmons in town.

But what I wanted to say with regard to the photography, I believe that Chairman Thomas is going to be negotiating with the photography and in our school system which is first class and at the same time would be minimal in costs because we don't have to pay, you know, union rates, so I just want to share that's one of the resources that has been explored for these kinds of public information and historical data.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Hilda Mason at large.

I too would like to commend the committee for this excellent report. And I think that the documents that you have submitted are exceptional. And I think you have set a good model for the rest of the committee. I think Delegate Harris suggested last week that everybody -- every committee submit a written report and this would be great for our records as we go down through history to have these kinds of committee reports included in our history.

I would like also to commend you for the selection of Delegate Nixon as the Vice Chair and I would like to say that

he has really -- I don't know how to put it, Mr. Chairman -- he has done such a great job in participating in the convention and also participating on larger issues in the community. A week ago tomorrow, last Sunday, I heard him speak on the issue at an open meeting concerning the closing of the YMCA on 12th Street and his statement was profound. And I am very happy to see such a young person do such a great job both at the convention and in community functions.

DELEGATE THOMAS: The committee would like for you all to consider having a reception maybe in this room. We will get it together so that we can get together with the press, because we have had so much bad publicity and we want to try to change that image for this convention.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: I would like to state for the record that Delegate Thomas was responsible for doing this for us and he has done so many other things and I'm sure he has done so much other little things for all of us and I would like to give him a round of applause.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The chair would like to reiterate what Delegate Mason just said -- I would just like to remind you that the chair had admonished us all to -- Delegate Thomas, Delegate Nixon -- I want to reiterate what Mrs. Mason has said

that this is the kind of concise and clear report that let's us know what is going on that I would like very much to have from everybody. He has even included the agenda so that we can see what went on at their particular meetings. Thank you very much.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Health, Housing and Social Services.

DELEGATE PARAMORE: I would like to say that the basic format for our last meeting was to take care of quite a bit of unfinished business and mainly to deal with the procedures for these public hearings which will be held for the Health, Housing and Social Services Monday and Tuesday of next week -- Monday from 2:00 to 6:00 and on Tuesday from 6:30 until 10:00 p.m. and we are going to hold our sessions in Room 900 -- we had put Convention Hall but we have changed it to Room 900 at those times.

And we invite all of you to come to that and I'm sure that we will get good participation and, as I said, I thank Carey (Phonetic) for these beautiful flowers that we are going to put out and try to have as many people to come in as possible and, Delegate Baldwin, we will also have a piece to pass out for all the people who will be speaking -- that's the list of all the issues that we want to address.

On Tuesday of -- well, not Tuesday because of the hearing, but on Thursday we will have our formal draft in preparation for the entire delegation.

Do you have any questions?

(No response.)

DELEGATE PARAMORE: I hope to see all of you out there because I'm sure that we are going to have some good input. Thank you.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Style and Drafting, Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: We have not had a meeting this past week because of religious holidays and exhaustion. Our next meeting will be April 16th --Friday, April 16th, at 4:00 p.m. This is to finish the rules; Delegate Feely and I will put on our final touches to the rules. The committee will have the opportunity at that point to have its say and we expect to submit a copy of the rules to the President by the 19th at the latest. And by Thursday, the 22nd, everybody will have a copy of the rules in their box, by that Thursday evening. And the Saturday after next Saturday, that's the 24th, is when I hope that the body will approve them.

Is that going to give you all enough time if you have them from Thursday -- either some time Thursday or late Thursday to Saturday to read through them?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Yes.

DELEGATE CORN: Is that going to give you enough time?

(No response.)

DELEGATE CORN: Can I ask for a show of hands? How many will not find that between Thursday and Saturday there is not enough time to look them through? Please raise your hands.

(Show of hands.)

DELEGATE CORN: That's one.

How many will find it enough time, please raise your hands?

(Show of hands.)

DELEGATE CORN: It seems to me there are more than five or six delegates on the floor. Are the rest of you not sure if you will have enough time?

I think you will have enough time. Delegate Long, you are the only one who seems to have an objection. If you want, I see you get a copy in advance of everybody else.

On the 24th please plan on us having the final version of the rules approved. I certainly hope that next Saturday any changes to the rules can be made so that we can get them into that final version.

And that's the only thing in our report except for one thing: I must make it very clear at this time that by the time we start the first readings we must have proper equipment and operators here on two shifts or we will not meet that May 29th deadline.

Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: I will speak to the President now. It seems to me that any time the rules are ready -- we could say no later than the time that was given -- but if they are ready before that time, the delegates could receive them in plenty of time?

DELEGATE CORN: Oh, yes. I'm saying this is the way the schedule is looking right now. If they are ready before Thursday, of course, they will be distributed before that, but I'm saying that is a probability because the Executive Committee wants 24 hours' advance notice to prepare -- 48 hours to prepare Xeroxing of this nature.

Delegate Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Your committee will come in with the final version of the rules when the Rules and Calendar Committee still have a lot of amendments to bring in. So to me that's going to make a problem.

DELEGATE CORN: Well, all through this convention



it is conceivable that there will be changes to the rules. For us to hold off presenting the final rules to this convention until any and all possible amendments have been exhausted might mean that you don't approve the rules until May 29th.

What we will do is have them approved and then any amendments that will come in thereafter and be passed by this body shall, in fact, be listed on a separate page at the end as amendments.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: I really have difficulty understanding what your committee has done with the rules. The rules was voted on by this body. There are some amendments going to the Rules and Calendar, and I can't really understand your charge as far as rules are concerned. To me, my understanding of what should be done is once the rules are in place, then you would be editing and taking a look at them as a body.

DELEGATE CORN: Right.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: I just don't understand why you are saying that we've got to do this and you're concerned with rules.

DELEGATE CORN: I'm not saying it has to be done. I'm saying it is preferable to make these changes before -- that these amendments be voted on before we turn that final copy to everybody so that we don't have to show them as amendments and it is nice and clear.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes our committees.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. That concludes the committee reports. Is there any unfinished business?

It has been called to the Chair's attention that someone is violating the rules against smoking in the hall. Let me ask you again if you must smoke to please go out into the corridor.

Thank you.

New business. Blount, Simmons.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that I made earlier and I don't know if we have a quorum or not, but that was one of the reasons why I was trying to make those motions earlier because I know how hard it is to get a quorum near the end.

But be that as it may, I move that the General Counsel be asked to review those proposals from the committees that have been presented so far to give its comments by next Saturday. If it doesn't have it by next Saturday, it just doesn't have it, but at least that's my motion.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that the General Counsel be requested to review all proposals now

before the convention and to try to have them to us by next Saturday.

Any discussion on that motion?

Mr. Long.

DELEGATE LONG: Point of information. Is that to include those two reports in whatever state that they are being prepared for the hearings?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I'm speaking of the proposals that Delegate Cooper mentioned today.

DELEGATE LONG: I understood the intent of Delegate Simmons to be that the committee reports --

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Well, yes, those committees who have drafted --

DELEGATE LONG: Like this report on the Local Government Committee.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Yes.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Point of clarification. Mr. Blount, are you talking about amendments or committee reports?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Those committee reports. If you remember, there are some committees who do not have a draft of the people who are testifying. So I'm talking about those committees that have a proposal already drafted and we could review those and also proposals that have been enumerated by

Delegate Cooper.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Delegate Cooper, point of clarification.

DELEGATE COOPER: I wanted to ask Mr. Blount, did he say those proposals because I understand a lot of committees have draft articles but they haven't been proposed yet. And so are you referencing those drafts?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Both. The ones that have been drafted by the committees and also the ones that have been presented to you, the delegate proposals and the committee draft proposals.

DELEGATE COOPER: You haven't received any of the draft proposals yet.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: But that's my motion; I want them to be reviewed.

DELEGATE COOPER: That's what I'm saying: we can't review what we don't have.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, when submitted. I think the motion is clear.

Any discussion on that motion?

Delegate Simmons, Delegate Jones, Delegate Schrag, Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I have a question for the maker

of the motion. As I understand the motion, as he has just stated it, the General Counsel would review proposals when they come out of committee. Now I expect that human nature being what it is proposals for the floor for first reading are going to come out of the committee at the last possible minute, that is three days before they get to the floor. And I want to know whether it is part of the delegate's motion that, if the General Counsel hasn't had a chance to review these proposals within that period, whether the floor can go ahead and act on them anyway, whether the convention can act on them anyway or whether we have to hold up our action while we wait for a report from the General Counsel.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I'll best explain by giving you an example. The Local Government has --

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Excuse me. We have committees coming way ahead of schedule. That's not a proposal yet; that's just a tentative draft for public hearings. The problem I'm concerned with --

DELEGATE BLOUNT: That's what I'm talking about, the tentative draft.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: You don't mean proposals then, you only mean tentative drafts.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Both.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I'm not talking about the second part of your motion -- the part on proposals. If a proposal is sent to the General Counsel for review and the General Counsel doesn't get around to reviewing it, it hasn't been able to review it, by the time it comes up on the calendar for a first reading, does your motion contemplate that we would have to hold up and not act on it or does your proposal contemplate that we can go ahead on them anyway?

DELEGATE BLOUNT: No, basically the proposal to see if it's legal; you know, there is some legal part in some of these proposals.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I understand.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is the motion.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: We will still follow our schedule.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any further discussion?

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I would like to move the previous question.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Those in favor of moving the previous question, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

DELEGATE COOPER: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.



(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor of the motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion carries. The General Counsel will be requested to do that in the most expeditious way.

Excuse me, Delegate Mason had her hand up first and then Delegate Simmons. Delegate Simmons, my apologies.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Thank you, Mr. President. Delegate Simmons at large. I would like to move that no research assistants' time be authorized for payment without the signature of the committee chair to which that research assistant is assigned as well as Dr. Austin.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that no research assistant's time be authorized unless -- authorized for payment unless there is a signature by this committee chairperson as well as by the research coordinator.

Discussion?

Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE COOPER: I think there are some implications -- legal implications that the delegates should be aware of and that is that all of our research assistants have signed a contract. And on that contract it is specified what their reporting sequences will be, who they report to, as well as who will be the ones that attest to their time for release of their pay. And for us to alter that in any way, shape or form, in my opinion, would certainly be a breach of contract because those are not the conditions under which those research assistants signed and came onboard.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Simmons, Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I am respectful of the contract that Delegate Cooper refers to. What I am suggesting -- and I am trying to create a mechanism where there is verification by the committee chair that does not alter or modify the authority of the research coordinator nor does it invalidate any aspect of that contract with the person. It does, however, build in some accountability to that person, that research assistant, and the committee to which he, she had been assigned, because as it presently stands they can go fly a kite and get Dr. Austin to sign their time and nobody knows whether or not

they have functioned with that committee. Dr. Austin has ten committees and there is no way for him to keep track of every research assistant and the level or the amount of service that's being rendered.

Now to build in this step at this level seems neither to breach or violate the contract. It simply is an additional assurance that Dr. Austin, that when he verifies the time, certifies time, that it's probably more authentic than what that signature has done in the past.

THE CHAIRMAN: The Chair stepped down from the chair. Delegate Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Delegate Cassell.

DELEGATE CASSELL: One of the problems that I see with that motion --

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I have just a point of information. As one who has had some problems understanding just what the duties of the research assistants are, I would like to know if we could have a copy of this so-called contract.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Delegate Cassell.

DELEGATE CASSELL: I can understand what Delegate Simmons is trying to do too. I mean she is trying to make certain that all the time that is certified for research assistants is valid, that the research assistants are on the

job and that they are doing their work.

She has indicated further that research assistants may not always be under the eye of the research coordinator and, therefore, she would like some additional verification of that.

The problem that I see with that is that these research assistants report directly to the research coordinator who reports directly to the Executive Secretary. If there were a conflict between a delegate, and research assistants do not report to delegates -- if there were a conflict in which the Executive Secretary or the research coordinator certifies the time but a delegate disagrees with that, then you would have a difficult problem of resolving it.

The Executive Secretary has to assure, first of all, that we get the service that we do. And that perhaps is as important as anything else. We have to depend upon the Executive Secretary to be conscientious and the research coordinator to be conscientious, but we cannot have two levels of supervision, and to certify a person's time and supervision and there is no way to resolve that kind of conflict. If indeed there is a feeling that some research assistant is not being responsible and is not turning out the work or reporting or being honest in reporting his time, then that is

a problem for the delegate to raise with the research coordinator or the Executive Secretary.

I do not want us to get into that kind of unresolvable conflict. I would say that if there is anybody who has a problem with any particular research assistant, you've got to let the Executive Secretary know. I would strongly urge your voting against this motion.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Delegate Brian Moore.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Yes, I would like to speak against the motion on the floor. I appreciate what Mrs. Simmons is addressing and I too believe in accountability of people. But I think it's a bad policy for us to act as a watchdog over the administrative sections of the convention. I think that we may suffer adversely from deciding on administrative matters. And I think there is some kind of a compromise which can be worked out where the administration and the officers could handle this matter.

So I would prefer that we handle it that way; therefore, I vote against the motion.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Delegate Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: If there is going to be a conflict between having a research assistant and the chair of the committee sign this, my recommendation would be that the chair

of the committee sign the time sheets since that's the person for whom the research assistant is supposed to be working. So I would like to move a substitute motion that the chair of the committee sign the time sheets so that there will be no conflict.

DELEGATE SIMMONS: I will second the motion for discussion only. I believe the spirit of what Delegate Love is aying I think is absolutely accurate. However, Delegate Cooper said that there has been a contract signed with these people. Of course, it all would have been very nice if the committee chairs had had some inputs with that contract and then maybe I wouldn't need to be standing here proposing this. Maybe even the research assistants need to have read it more carefully.

But it seems to me that -- all I'm trying to do is not inhibit or not delay or not obstruct movement, but it is to make responsive and sensitive to the committee and its work and that happens to be in the titular leader of the chair those research assistants.

Now everyone knows as long as you are paid by somebody else and you work for this person, you are never responsive to that person. You're responsive to whoever is paying you. And I'm saying that if that's the way the contract was



written, to build in that potential lack of accountability that we need to do something about it. Here is a simple mechanism that simply says before Dr. Austin certifies and sends in, that he communicates with the chair; it seems simple matter to me and that any differences could indeed be worked out. It further would lend that -- that the research coordinator know what the needs of the chair and the committee happen to be, because, as it is now, you know, it's actually possible for the research coordinator, the assistants and the chair and his committee to operate as ships at sea in the night.

And I will submit that what is being proposed is a very simple accountability process, a responsiveness, and I don't think it's an unreasonable request.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: She was, in fact, seconding the motion.

Delegate Love, I believe at this point that your motion, even though it received a second, would be out of order if I understand your motion. You are saying that only the chairperson of the committee sign off?

DELEGATE LOVE: Yes.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: That's the sense of your motion?

DELEGATE LOVE: Yes.



DELEGATE BALDWIN: Since we have entered into a contract with the research assistants stating that the research coordinator should sign off, I don't really think this body can undo that.

DELEGATE LOVE: None of us have ever seen that contract or voted on that contract as a contract. As a delegate, I don't feel bound to go by that contract. I'm sure if things were changed, then our research assistants would quit.

DELEGATE JONES: I would like a point of order, Mr. Chair.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: State your point of order, Delegate.

DELEGATE JONES: In all due respect to all of this that is going on here in this convention, the agent of this convention signed those contracts; it's binding on every delegate in here.

The other problem that I am having with this is that here we are again, like we were last plenary session, living through this moment twice, fighting a personnel matter on the floor. If you've got a personnel problem with somebody, then you should go to the right chairmen to resolve it. You should go to the Executive Secretary or the President. It

should not be fought here on the floor and I'm sure that he would be amenable to solving that problem. And I maintain that both of these motions are out of order.

DELEGATE CORN: Point of information.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Point of information, Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: It seems to me that Delegate Love's substitute motion is not at all out of order, given the context of the contract because if you follow through the logic of Delegate Love's proposal, once the chairperson has signed off on the hours that the research assistant has put in, that it's just a matter of Bobby Austin signing underneath the chairperson's name and, therefore, it is still Bobby Austin who has done the supervision. But he is relying on the information provided by the chairperson. Therefore, I would speak for Mr. Love's motion.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: We have heard two for and one against. The chair will entertain one other speaker against and we go forward.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Point of order.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: We don't need a point of order. We are trying to get one other person who is against this motion to speak so we can move on.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Point of order.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Point of order, Mr. Moore; point of order.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: I would request the chair -- has the chair made a decision on whether this motion is in order?

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Yes. That's why we are allowing you to talk to it. I felt it was out of order.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: If it's out of order, let's get it off the floor and go on with other business.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Mrs. Ellington, will you speak to the exact wording of the contract that deals with signing off and supervision and I will determine whether it's out of order.

DELEGATE JONES: Mr. Baldwin.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: I'm only listening to Mrs. Ellington. We are trying to clear up something.

DELEGATE JONES: I have another point of order.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: We are trying to clear --

DELEGATE JONES: Mr. Baldwin, I have a point of order.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Be sure you state a point of order. It has to be such. What is the point of order?

DELEGATE JONES: I think that you are allowing this assembled body here to discuss and delay the business at hand and, instead of discussing the writing of the constitution, we are dealing with personnel matters here on the floor. I think that those motions are out of order. I said that before.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: We have heard your point of order and I still need response from our Executive Secretary as to this contract we are referring to.

To the best of your knowledge, is there in the contract a sign-off by the research coordinator?

MRS. ELLINGTON: "The research assistants are responsible to and are supervised by the research coordinator." That is the language.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: At this point, I turn the chair back over to the President.

THE CHAIRMAN: The chair has resumed control of the meeting.

I want to say one thing: I think we spent maybe 15 minutes on a non-substantive matter. I think also we have been discussing a personnel matter. If, indeed, nobody has yet stated what the problem is, the problem has been implied. There has been no indication of any specific violation of trust; there has been no indication of any specific detriment

to this convention. We have spent this much time based on what is an implied problem.

Now, if indeed the desire of any delegate is to speak to a problem, we don't have to violate or even appear to be violating a contract. The contract very clearly indicates whom that individual reports to. If it's a matter of getting accurate information, then there can always be a relationship between the research coordinator and the chairperson. The chairperson can advise the research coordinator. If we've got a coordinator who cannot be trusted to be aware of the fact that there is a concern on the part of one or more delegates, then we shouldn't have that research coordinator.

The chair is simply throwing that out as information. I will rule that, inasmuch as the request in this motion to certify the time of a person who by contract reports to somebody other than a delegate -- I will rule on the basis of the statement made by our Treasurer, that any action taken by a person who is authorized to design and sign contracts for us becomes binding, regardless of how you feel about it. And that's a fact.

And, therefore, I'm going to rule both of those motions out of order.

DELEGATE COOPER: I would like to inquire to the

parliamentarian. I have been recognized, Mrs. Jones.

I would like to inquire to the parliamentarian if in fact the President can at this point resume the chair and make a ruling because he did step down from the chair on this motion and spoke against this motion. And I think it would be out of order for him to rule on this motion because of those previous actions.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Parliamentarian, would you respond to that?

DELEGATE COOPER: I submit that the First Vice President should be in the chair until this matter is disposed of by the body.

THE CHAIRMAN: The question has been put to the parliamentarian. The parliamentarian will answer.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Yes. Once he has spoken, he may resume the chair.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE SIMMONS: Maybe what has been made clear here is the increased sensitivity on the part of the Executive Secretary and the research coordinator because during this discussion, I spoke with the Executive Director. She had no knowledge, which means that there was not communicated a very real problem and that was articulated to the research



coordinator.

Now if the research coordinator is not willing to share when there is a problem because Mrs. Ellington made it very clear to me she did not have any knowledge of a problem and there was indeed, so I am now saying that with her being aware of it, I'm more than happy to withdraw my motion because I am happy that she will see to it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The chair accepts and applauds this constructive reaction.

DELEGATE JONES: Mr. Chairman, have we disposed of this matter?

THE CHAIRMAN: The chair has dispensed with it.

DELEGATE JONES: I would like to move the report of the ad hoc committee on the Statehood Commission and the Statehood Compact Commission for implementation.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that the Statehood Compact Commission and Statehood Commission report the acceptance.

Discussion?

Delegate Long, Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE LONG: I wish to amend Section 9(b) under Ward 4 and substitute the name of Walter Washington for Walter



Fauntroy.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE LONG: I stand corrected. I wish to eliminate the name of Walter Fauntroy in favor of another selection.

DELEGATE CORN: Second.

DELEGATE FEELY: Why do you want to do that?

DELEGATE LONG: I'll tell you. Walter Fauntroy opposed the statehood movement from the beginning. He spoke against this in his letters. I personally debated his staff members in public meetings speaking for the statehood movement and they spoke against it.

I believe a conversion at this late date is not going to go over very well. And I think we want to put a statehood advocate in that position rather than a statehood opponent.

DELEGATE JONES: Mr. Chairman, in defense of my motion, there are delegates who are sitting in here right now who are not statehood advocates and who have said that.

Secondly --

DELEGATE BRUNING: Who are they?

DELEGATE JONES: I do respect the office of Walter

Fauntroy and I do believe that he is a good politician and good politicians can become advocates for anything that the people want. He said he was against gambling but he took it forward because the people of this city said that was what they wanted. And I don't think that we ought to be disrespectful to him or his office because he happens to be one of the leaders of the city.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Jordan, Delegate Mason.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Jordan, Mason, Clark.

Mason, Clark, Moore, Corn.

Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Mr. President, Hilda Mason at large. I would like to speak strongly in our position to the motion that has been made. I can say first-hand that Delegate Fauntroy, even though he supports the voting representation, has assured me and other people -- he has done that in public and in private -- that he will do everything that he can when the recommendation gets before the Congress or pleading gets before the Congress, he will do whatever he can to get it through.

And his office is now working with me to try to identify people on the Hill who can help us get it through.

Now I think that, even if that were not true at this stage -- and it is true -- but if that were not true, it would be very inappropriate, untimely and very poor judgment to identify somebody and name him an enemy -- him or her an enemy -- when we are trying to win friends and --

(Applause.)

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: -- that we just mow him down without even thinking about anything else.

Thank you very much.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: Point of order.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, point of order.

DELEGATE BALDWIN: This assembly has not decided that we are going to, number one, accept one ward selection. So you are debating something that hasn't even been approved by the body as yet. I think the first thing that you should decide on is 9(b) and, if that's adopted, then this discussion would be in order, Mr. President. They haven't adopted 9(b).

THE CHAIRMAN: The point of order is well taken.

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: Delegate Jones moved the adoption of the complete report and implementation of this complete report. Delegate Long moved an amendment to this report. So it is in order that we discuss it because the motion on the floor is the adoption of this complete report. Now the motion

is for amendment to this report.

DELEGATE LOVE: Point of order.

THE CHAIRMAN: State your point of order.

DELEGATE LOVE: I thought this motion was to accept the report.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE JONES: My motion was to adopt this report for implementation. That's exactly what I said.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, there is -- the motion on the floor is to adopt -- or the original motion was to adopt this report as written for implementation. There has been an -- was it an amendment or a substitution?

DELEGATE COOPER: Amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- an amendment to that motion offered by Delegate Long which received a second. That amendment is now on the floor.

DELEGATE LOVE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Delegate Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: The rules of the convention which we adopted cite the establishment of this committee. They don't cite anything else, particularly things about having a standing committee and these other things. I would like a ruling as to whether to adopt this report as a whole requires

a changing in the rules or not.

THE CHAIRMAN: The ruling is that to establish may mean that you simply say there shall be, voted up yes or no. It also could be that you established it to the nth detail; there was no prohibition against doing exactly what has been done here. There was no need for any special enabling legislation.

DELEGATE CORN: Point of --

THE CHAIRMAN: I haven't finished responding to the person. All right?

So, Delegate Love, I think that there is nothing that prohibits the adoption of this other than the people who vote it down.

Delegate Corn, Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE CORN: Point of order.

It seems to me that if this is going to be established as a standing committee, then that is the change in the rules since the rules specifically state that there will be ten standing committees -- the regular ten and two operating committees which are standing committees and that will require a two-thirds vote to change those rules.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is a point to be considered. You made your point.

DELEGATE CORN: May I speak for the motion just made by Delegate Long?

THE CHAIRMAN: In turn. You were recognized on a point of order.

Delegate Clark, I apologize for missing you.

DELEGATE CLARK: Mr. Chairman, I speak to the amended motion. My name is Dave Clark; I am an at large delegate.

The course of statehood -- we can look to the past, if we wish, or we can look to the future. My own thought is the future may in time and difficulty be as long or longer than the past has. And the difficulty in the time of the future will be to some extent -- to a greater extent determined by what we do here.

To take the only representative which we now have in Congress and exclude that person from participation at the level that the proposal of Delegate Jones is to flue that person I think would be to cut off our future and make it even longer.

Secondly, we are going to have to convert a whole number of persons to our concept. The fact that we have already converted Delegate Fauntroy should not be weighed in terms of his conversion vis-a-vis somebody else. He is in a very peculiar position for our future and we ought to have him there

if he is willing to be there.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I move the previous question.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE JORDAN: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I asked and you should rule on what I just asked first. I asked if the two for and two against has been met, I move the previous question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me ask the Secretary.

DELEGATE COOPER: No. We have had three speakers against and no speakers for.

THE CHAIRMAN: Has there been anybody for?

Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: I urge you to vote for this amendment and I will tell you why. I disagree with Council Member Clark respectfully and Mason. I don't think Walter Fauntroy has any future to bring in this city to statehood. When he said --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Corn, you are out of order. Please sit down. You have been ruled out of order. You are not speaking to the motion.

DELEGATE CORN: And why is the Chairman ruling me out of order?



THE CHAIRMAN: That you are not speaking to the motion.

DELEGATE CORN: I am speaking to the motion. He has created enemies all over this country and I urge you to vote for Long's amendment. I feel very strongly about that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Robinson.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: I would like to move the previous question.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: One more for. We have not had two persons speaking in behalf.

The previous question has been called. All those in favor of cutting off debate on this motion, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those abstained.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor of adopting the motion -- yes.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Point of order.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The chair has erred. Unless you have a point of order about the appropriateness of the action at the moment, we will conduct the vote.

All those in favor of the motion to adopt the report.  
(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Mr. Chairman, I asked for a point of information.

THE CHAIRMAN: First of all, let me state the chair erred again and that is what is on the floor now is the amendment.

What is the amendment?

DELEGATE COOPER: The amendment is by Delegate Long and the amendment is that under 9(b) the name of Walter Fauntroy be stricken from the list.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay, point of information on that motion.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: On the motion and the amendment. It's not clear to me yet. I would like an interpretation by the chair on it. Is it the function of this body to vote on this motion or this amendment, which is part of the motion, according to the rules of this convention? Would you please refer to them and --

THE CHAIRMAN: You have to be more specific. What

is it you are questioning regarding the rules of the convention?

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: Well, I guess I'm questioning the adoption of this -- the function of the committee here. I don't know if it's the proper procedure for the convention to address this issue right now without appropriate procedure.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your point of order?

DELEGATE COOPER: My point of order is that Mr. Moore's point of information is out of order simply because he is speaking about the motion and not the amendment. Not only that, the previous question has been called. We should be voting.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: The amendment is part of the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: The chair rules that it is appropriate to ask for information about the original motion if he wants to know how to vote on the amendment. All right? I see no problem with that.

DELEGATE BRIAN MOORE: I will withdraw and I would ask that I be recognized when we address the motion on the floor.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very good. The motion on the floor is Delegate Long's amendment. All of those in favor of the motion to amend 9(b), signify by saying aye.

(A few ayes.)

THE CHAIRMAN: And those opposed?

(A chorus of "nays".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion loses.

Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I would like to move an amendment --

DELEGATE COOPER: Point of order. You recognized Long and then you recognized me. Long made the amendment and we had a discussion on it. It should be my time to speak.

THE CHAIRMAN: You already spoke. I have recognized Mr. Jordan.

DELEGATE COOPER: I did not speak.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jordan, you have the floor.

DELEGATE COOPER: Mr. Chairman, why are you going to circumvent me on this?

THE CHAIRMAN: Sir, you are out of order. You lost your point; you are out of order.

DELEGATE COOPER: You have recognized me to speak; you afforded every other delegate the opportunity and they were recognized, even when you recognized the wrong person, you

went back to them and recognized them. So why don't you give me my chance to speak?

THE CHAIRMAN: It looks like you have lost your point. The chair rules you are out of order.

Delegate Jordan.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chair, I would like to move an amendment that we strike the word "standing" in the first section and insert in lieu thereof "special".

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

DELEGATE JORDAN: So it now would be "Statehood Commission and the Statehood Compact Commission shall be special committees of the D.C. Statehood Constitutional Convention.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that the word "standing" in item number one be changed to special. Discussion? Point of order.

DELEGATE CORN: Point of order.

Mr. President, under the rules there are only two kinds of committees that can be establishing -- standing and ad hoc. And, therefore, I don't understand what a special committee is supposed to be.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you be willing to call that an ad hoc committee?

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Schrag.

Delegate, you have not been recognized; you are out of order. May we proceed?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Mr. President, I speak in support of Mr. Jordan's motion. The committee can't be a standing committee without amending our rules and it can't be an ad hoc committee without doing great violence to most of the things in it because it provides for a very special method of selecting membership and ad hoc committee's members are selected by the President.

So I think that the proper denomination of this is a special committee. And the rules doesn't say we can only have ad hoc and standing committees. It just says we can have those kinds of committees. So it seems to me that Mr. Jordan's motion is in order, proper and a good idea.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kameny.

DELEGATE KAMENY: I have problems with making any committee of this body because these commissions are supposed to be ongoing bodies after this convention ends. And if they are committees of this convention, what happens to them when the convention dissolves in June?

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Robinson.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Delegate Robinson, Ward 5. My question is this: If the President of this body establishes a committee as an ad hoc committee, I ask the President rather pointedly if in fact he is now declaring that this is a quote "special committee" and I also ask the President if he is in agreement with the sub-titling of this committee that he duly established as an ad hoc committee as a special committee.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Street, point of order.

DELEGATE STREET: The committee is ad hoc but the commission has been proposed as standing.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE COOPER: I would like to speak against the amendment that's on the floor in these regards: I think that of what has been presented in this report is illegal. Let me give you an example: Number one, the Statehood Commission and the Statehood Compact Commission shall be standing or, as amended, might be special committees of the Statehood Convention. However, they were established as an independent type of agency just as we were; they are separate and apart from us. Therefore, I would like to move a substitute for the whole, Mr. President, that these items be considered a seriatim.



(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that these items -- this is a substitute motion. The motion is that these items, one through nine, be considered a seriatim.

Mr. Secretary, is there a quorum?

DELEGATE COOPER: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor of dividing the question, please respond by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(A few "nays".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those abstaining.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The motion then is to be divided.

Mr. Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: I would like to point out that the enabling legislation says this convention may establish these two. Therefore, it is perfectly within our rights to establish these two and to decide in what way they will operate. I would like to second Mr. Jordan's for number one, because I think it will get us around this problem of having two-thirds vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: There was not a motion on the floor at

this time, Delegate Love.

Yes.

DELEGATE JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, if I can raise a point for clarification. Section 6 does not create -- the Act does not create the Statehood Compact Commission nor the Statehood Commission as independent entities of the commission; the language says specifically the Constitutional Convention shall have the power to establish a commission to be known as the Statehood Commission, and it even goes on to explain the numbers.

So there is nothing here that prohibits us from exercising control and it's unfair. It's intellectually dishonest to infer that we have no control, that these commissions are independent by the Act, but it is very clear the intent was for the Constitutional Convention to appoint them. If you are going to appoint members to this commission, you must exercise some kind of leverage over it, and I'm saying there is nothing here that prohibits this commission from doing so.

I'm just saying if you want to use the Act as a basis either speaking for or against something, we need to be sure that when we say -- even if we take it verbatim -- we need to look at it from that context as opposed to just saying

things off the top of our head, which has been done.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a motion to adopt the first item of the report?

We have just voted to take these a seriatim. The first item is item number one.

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. Jordan made a motion to substitute the word "special" for the word "standing". That is an amendment to the item one.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: The first item please -- is there a motion on the first item?

DELEGATE KAMENY: I move for item number one.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

DELEGATE KAMENY: As may be amended.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE KAMENY: I move item number one with the word "special" substituted for "standing".

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that item number one be adopted with the word "special" substituted for the word "standing".

Discussion?

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor of that, please signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: That portion passes.

Number 2.

DELEGATE FEELY: Mr. Chairman, I move number two.

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved and seconded that number two be adopted.

Any discussion?

Love.

DELEGATE LOVE: I'm not sure I oppose this. I would point out this means that they are rules about notification about postage of their meetings here unless they decide somewhere else.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would assume that they would have to obey all the rules of the convention. All right? Okay.

Are you ready for the vote? Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Mr. Chairman, I move to amend

Section 2 to add the words "except to the extent that these commissions adopt other rules".

The purpose of this amendment is to --

DELEGATE COOPER: Point of order, Mr. President.

He is speaking to the amendment and it hasn't had a second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second to that?

DELEGATE LOVE: I will second that for discussion.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Discussion.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: The purpose of this amendment, Mr. President, is that there are really a lot of things in our rules that are good for us and that work for a 90-day convention but that will be a terrible encumbrance to a commission that may be operating without funds, without staff, without the ability to make phone calls.

THE CHAIRMAN: The commission does have funds, Mr. Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: It has funds authorized but not appropriated. We have no guarantee that they will be appropriated.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. Chairman, when somebody is speaking and other people are speaking at the same time, could we have order please.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's an excellent point, Mr. Love. Would you be willing to obey that for the rest of the convention?

Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I think before we impose twenty pages of rules on a body, other than our own, we ought to be careful and we ought to look at all of them and make sure that they are appropriate. I think most of them probably are; I think some of them are not. And I think we are locking this commission into a set of fairly inflexible rules unless we give them some way to negotiate themselves around it.

THE CHAIRMAN: But may I ask a question on that? Do you have any specific rules in mind that may be an encumbrance, detrimental to them?

DELEGATE SCHRAG: One of the rules that strikes me, for example, as a problem may be the rule about notice of meetings.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE SCHRAG: People are talking in the midst of my response, Mr. Chairman.

Jones, Clark, Blount, Maguire.

Delegate Jones, do you want to speak to that?

DELEGATE JONES: No. I'm opposed to the amendment

because I can't understand why Delegate Schrag would encumber us with that rule and not want to encumber the commission with that rule. So I am opposed to the amendment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Clark.

DELEGATE CLARK: There are compositions to bodies and there are constituencies within bodies and they have to work one with the other. The rules must be their rules for them to function and we would not want them to be dysfunctional because we have superimposed our rules. The amendment which has been proffered makes our rules a guide that it will take the affirmative action of the majority of the commission to adopt a different procedure. And I think that we have to let that committee adopt their special rules in order to be able to function one with the other.

Moreover, they will be active, although we won't be existing -- they will be active at a point in time we will not. And they ought to have the control of their own rules.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I'm opposed to that amendment also. I think it's not necessary, Delegate Schrag. You will find that some rules will be obeyed and some will not. Some delegates have ten meetings and some delegates will not have ten meetings. So I will submit that it's not necessary to even



worry about it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Maguire.

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: I pass.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Kameny.

DELEGATE KAMENY: Yes. I speak for the amendment and by illustration Rule 2.6(b) committee meetings shall be held only at official public place of business designated by the convention. And suppose in September, when we are out of session, they want to hold a meeting somewhere, who is going to do that designating? They can't hold a meeting; it says a meeting may be convened by the chair provided that no less than 48 hours' notice of each committee meeting shall be provided to the committee members, to all delegates and to the public by official posting at the convention site. And we won't be able to get in here. Who is going to come to see that notice?

You are creating an utterly impractical situation and, therefore, I speak strongly in favor of the proposed amendment.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Question.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Mason.

DELEGATE HILDA MASON: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the purpose for this amendment and I'm trying to figure, if

we approve this, will they have time to meet and to recommend changes in their rules to us before the 90 days are up?

THE CHAIRMAN: I think the answer is yes.

Delegate Cooper.

DELEGATE COOPER: Now you have all of a sudden divided the convention into them and us. But don't you remember what you just adopted, number one, it's just the convention. They are only a special committee. Therefore, they are bound by everything the convention is bound by because they are only a committee of this convention. They are not separate and apart.

Whatever the convention is bound by, just like any other committee, they are bound by it.

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment is on the floor. Is somebody calling for the previous.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I move the previous question.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. All in favor of cutting off the debate, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed.

(A few "nays".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Those in favor of amending number two, as indicated by Delegate Schrag, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(A chorus of "nays".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Division.

Those in favor of Delegate Schrag's amendment, signify by raising your hands.

(Show of hands.)

DELEGATE COOPER: Thirteen.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed.

(Show of hands.)

DELEGATE COOPER: Eleven.

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. The amendment passes. Are we ready for -- yes.

DELEGATE COOPER: Point of order. I submit, Mr. President, that the motion we just carried is in fact the amendment to the rules, if they were to add anything, because they would have to amend the convention rules because they do not have the rules of their own.

DELEGATE CORN: Point of order.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Delegate Corn.

DELEGATE CORN: It seems to me that by passing number two, number two is in direct conflict with number one because, as Delegate Cooper pointed out, if it is just a committee of the convention, they cannot have their own rules. Since we just voted that they have their own rules, I therefore move for reconsideration of number one to say that the Statehood Commission and the Compact Commission shall be separate entities as designated under the law.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I rule that out of order inasmuch as we are in the process now of voting on this item one by one. We have not yet completed them. We are ready for a vote on number three.

Do I have a motion regarding the adoption of item number three?

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: I think I explained why you are out of order. You are out of order -- but you may disagree with it -- but that's my ruling and that is that we have voted that we would consider these items one by one. Right? We don't go so far and then go back and start changing things. You will have a chance to do it later but not now. Okay?

Now number three --

DELEGATE LOVE: Mr. Chairman, point of order.

Although we moved the amendment for number two, I think it would be proper to vote on number two, as amended.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are out of order since I have already ruled that's out of order. Number three.

Delegate Clark.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

DELEGATE CLARK: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

The point of order is that you call on each of these items because Mr. Cooper's motion was that we take them a seriatim. There had been a previous motion to adopt the whole. His motion was to take them up a seriatim, so they come up without a motion. I would suggest to move it we just call them up one by one to call for a vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well; very well.

Item number three.

DELEGATE COOPER: We didn't vote on item number two, like Delegate Love was saying. We only voted on the amendment to number two, but we didn't vote on the amended section.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. The Secretary indicates that we voted on an amendment to item number two, but we did not vote on the motion on that item as amended. Therefore, we will go back to that motion, number two.

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: We voted on an amendment to item number two as indicated by Delegate Schrag. That amendment was an addition to the sentence. We are now back to item number two, as amended.

Was that your point, Delegate Love?

DELEGATE LOVE: Yes. I would like to move it.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. You were correct, sir.

Is there a second to the motion?

(Whereupon, the motion was seconded.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor of item number two, as amended, signify by saying aye.

(A chorus of "ayes".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed.

(A few "nays".)

THE CHAIRMAN: Abstain.

(No response.)

THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. Delegate Maguire.

DELEGATE MAGUIRE: Mr. President, I am real disappointed I'm not going to be here for the rest of the vote but I need to go to work and I'm late now. I just wanted to say I have learned another lesson in this convention -- you die if you do and you die if you don't. We've spent a lot of time figuring this all out so all --

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I appreciate what you are saying but it's out of order.

Delegate Blount.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: I think I can solve this problem. I would move that we would adopt the rest of these parts in total.

DELEGATE COOPER: No, that would be a de facto reconsideration of the previous motion.

DELEGATE BLOUNT: Then I'm leaving and we won't have a quorum.

THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Blount, that's out of order because we have already voted to take them one by one.

Item number three -- Schrag, Cooper.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: I have a question on number three, which is -- perhaps a member of the committee --

(Simultaneous discussion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: We're really going to have to -- maybe we need a one-minute recess. Nobody wants a recess? Please, let us hear the delegate, Delegate Schrag.

DELEGATE SCHRAG: Perhaps a committee member could answer this question. Our rules provide wherever we talk about ex officio membership, that it's non-voting ex officio membership. Is that the intent here?



The answer is yes, I gather. Thank you.

DELEGATE COOPER: Mr. President, I submit again that Section 3 is needed because our current rules provide that the President is already officio member of all committees. Therefore, if we establish this thing as a separate committee, number three is needed because he is already an ex officio. And if we were to vote it down, that would mean a de facto amendment to the rules.

DELEGATE ROBINSON: Mr. President, I stand to recognize that I do not believe there is a quorum present and this body cannot carry on sufficient business.

THE CHAIRMAN: The point is well taken. The time is 4:12. This is the last item of business on today's calendar. Are there four people in the halls?

Fellow delegates, there not being a quorum here, I declare that this meeting is adjourned until this same time next Saturday.

I remind you that we have a special guest at 12:00 next Saturday and that is the Mayor. Please everyone here try to be on time.

(Whereupon, at 4:15 p.m., the plenary session was adjourned.)

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